ore has been suggested by the State Governments of Bihar, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Orissa. Details of increases sought are given in the statement below

Some of the State Governments have justified seeking higher rates on account of increased prices for such minerals in domestic as well as international markets

STATEMENT

Sl No.	*Name of Mineral*	*Existing Rate of royalty per tonne*	*Rates per tonne proposed by State Governments*
1	2	3	4
1.	Iron Ore (Various grades)	Rs. 0.50 to Rs. 6 00	Rs. 0 50 to Rs. 14 00
2.	Manganese Ore (Various grades)	Rs 2.00 to Rs 45 00	Rs. 4.00 to Rs 92 00
3.	Chrome Ore (Various grades)	Rs. 5 00 to Rs 60 00	Rs. 6 00 to Rs. 78 00

Opening of Post Offices in Orissa

359. SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state the total number of Post Offices, both Branch Post Offices and Sub-Post Offices opened during 1990-91 and proposed to be opened in 1991-92 in Orissa?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): During 1990-91, 88 Branch Post Offices and 7 Departmental Sub Post Offices were opened in Orissa

During 1991-92, 100 Branch Post Offices and 10 Departmental Sub Post Offices are proposed to be opened in Orissa

Opening of Rural Telephone Changes in Orissa

360. SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Rural Telephone Exchanges opened during 1990-91 and proposed to be opened in 1991-92 in Orissa;

(b) whether most of such Telephone Exchanges opened during 1990-91, are yet to be commissioned; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V RANGAYYA NAIDU) (a) 42 Nos. opened during 1990-91 and 30 Nos. are proposed to be opened during 1991-92.

(b) All the 42 Rural Telephone Exchanges were commissioned

(c) Does not arise

[*Translation*]

Arrests in Connection with the Assassination of Shri Rajiv Gandhi

361. SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons arrested so far in connection with the assassination of Shri Rajiv Gandhi; and

(b) whether the motive behind the assassination has been established and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) and (b) The case is still under investigation and it will not be in the public interest to disclose any details at this stage.

[*English*]

Road-Side Police Check Posts in Delhi

362. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the road-side police check posts in Delhi are stopping the cars, scooters, etc. to get their numbers etched on the vehicles;

(b) the organisation/agency which has made this arrangement:

(c) the tasks assigned to the police check posts;

(d) whether any complaint regarding overstepping of jurisdiction by these posts has been received by the Union Government; and

(e) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) and (b) The Delhi Police have reported that a number of petrol pumps in Delhi have provided etching facility for cars, scooters, etc. The police pickets posted near these petrol pumps apprise the owners of cars/scooters about availability of etching facility and impress upon them the desirability of having their cars etched for prevention and detection of theft. No vehicle owner is forced to get the vehicle etched.

(c) The main tasks of the police staff posted at checkposts are to remain on the look-out for stolen vehicles for vehicles involved in criminal/terrorist activities; for persons involved in criminal activities, etc.: and to provide general security and to maintained law & order.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Question does not arise.

Fire in Jhuggis

363 SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI:

SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD:

SHRI RAM SAGAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a devastating fire broke out in Jhuggis near old Yamuna bridge recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the loss of life and property therein and the cause of fire;

(c) the number of incidents of fire reported in Delhi during the last two years;

(d) the loss of life and property involved in those incidents; and

(e) the details of the compensation given to such fire victims?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) On 17-4-1991, a serious fire broke out in Jhuggis near Old Yamuna Bridge, Delhi.

(b) Four lives were lost and about 1890 jhuggis burnt. The probable cause of fire was electric short-circuit. Loss of property is estimated to be Rs 19.65 lakhs approximately.